

If you were to die today, are you a 100% sure that you'd go to heaven? You can know for sure.

First of all the Bible says that we're all sinners – For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. So we're all guilty of lying, stealing, or coveting. And the Bible says there's a punishment for our sins. "For the wages of sin is death" – This is not only referring to a physical death, but also to a second death in hell. – And all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death. So according to this verse, we all deserve hell as a punishment for our sins. We've all lied, and we've all done stuff worse than lying. We all come short of God's perfection. No amount of good works can undo the bad that we've done.

But there's good news – the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. So because God loves us He doesn't want us to go to hell to pay for our own sins – that's why He sent Jesus Christ His Son to be the propitiation (or payment) for our sins. Jesus is the Son of God and He's also God manifest in the flesh. (For there are three that bear record in heaven : the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one). Jesus is the Word (the Second person of the trinity). He was born of a virgin, He performed miracles, He lived a perfect sinless life and the Bible says that He died on the cross for our sins, that He was buried, that He went to hell for 3 days and 3 nights, and that he rose again the third day in order to pay for all of our sins and to save us from hell. When Jesus died for your sins and mine, it's just as if He had done them – He was being punished in our place (). For He (God the Father) hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us (that means He bore our sins and died in our place, He paid what we owe to God for our sins), that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (or in other words, that we might be declared righteous before God because of His finished work alone).

The Bible says that salvation is a gift. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast".

Since salvation is a gift (and gifts are always free), we don't have to give anything in return (it is not of works, not of our own doing). It's an undeserved gift. Jesus paid the full price for our salvation with his death, His shed blood and resurrection. The word grace means "something we do not deserve"(remember, we deserve hell, not salvation). And faith means "what we are trusting to get saved". The Bible goes on to say "But to Him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, His faith is counted for righteousness.". So the person who stops working to earn or keep salvation will be saved. Salvation has nothing to do with works and is entirely free.

The one thing the Bible says we must do to be saved is : "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved". The word believe means to trust – it doesn't mean to only believe that Jesus exists, but to actually trust Him to save us personally. To believe on Him means that we put all of our faith and trust in His death, burial and resurrection as the full payment for our sins (which guarantees us eternal life). It doesn't say that you have to repent of all of your sins, or be

baptized, or join a church, or keep the commandments, or be a good person- it only says believe. And once you believe on Christ, you will be saved forever. "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" – Notice it says "whosoever believeth" not whosoever is good enough (because no one is good enough to go to heaven on their own merits – we all come short). That's why when you receive Christ, you will never perish (because He gives you eternal life, not temporary life)- Jesus does the saving AND the keeping – all of it. Our part in salvation is only to believe on Him as our Savior and He forgives all of our sins past, present and future. The Bible even says " And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

However, God will discipline His children for their sins on this earth, but no matter what they do afterwards, they can never lose eternal life. Because They have received the imputed righteousness (or perfection) of Christ – God sees the believers as righteous as Jesus is - it's just as if they had never sinned. (Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:). That is only possible because Christ died for the ungodly.

So the only thing you must do to receive the gift of eternal life is to call on Jesus by faith- That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (that means asking Him to save you), and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

So if you believe that you are a sinner, condemned to hell, and if you believe that salvation is only through faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ as the complete payment for your sins (and that it's not based on your own goodness or efforts – but only through the blood of Jesus), and that it can never be lost (either through sinning or lack of good works), then you can repeat after me :

Dear Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner, and that I deserve to go to hell, but I believe that you died on the cross for me, and rose again to pay for all of my sins. Please save me right now, and give me eternal life. I'm trusting you alone as my Savior – apart from my works. Thanks for saving me, Amen.

So if you have sincerely called on Jesus and you meant that prayer, you're saved forever. God will reward the good that you do after getting saved, but salvation is simply by relying on Christ apart from all else. It's based on God's promise, and not your own faithfulness.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

You can write down today as your salvation day. Congrats.